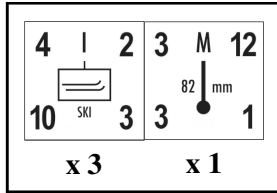


Russian Ski Battalion

December 1941

Ski
Battalion



The Russians had built ad-hoc ski battalions during the Winter War with Finland. Those battalions had no official organization but, after the conflict, a need was seen for this type of unit. In the Winter of 1941, the Russians created an official organization for a ski battalion. 84 such battalions were raised in December and another 78 in January. These units fought as separate battalions and were not organized into larger units until 1942. These battalions are seasonal and will mostly be disbanded by March.

Note that these ski units will only have the movement shown in snow conditions. In order to use these battalions properly, a whole set of snow rules will need to be employed.